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1. C-ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY. THERE WERE TEN MURDERS IN JAMAICA DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, AUGUST 13-19. IN ADDITION, NINE PEOPLE WERE KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES. ON JULY 12, THE HEAD OF THE SECURITY FORCE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATION OF JAMAICA (PSOJ) AND THE HEADS OF JAMAICA'S MAJOR MEDIA ANNOUNCED A CAMPAIGN TO CRACK DOWN ON CRIME PROBLEMS ON THE ISLAND. "OPERATION CRIME STOP" WILL DRAW ON MONEY FROM THE PSOJ FOR REWARDS, PUBLICITY FROM THE MEDIA, AND ENFORCEMENT FROM THE SECURITY FORCES. END SUMMARY.
3. INCIDENT BREAKDOWN.
AUGUST 13 - 19
A. TOTAL NUMBER OF REPORTED MURDERS 10
B. SUSPECTED POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED MURDERS 0

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C. SUSPECTED CRIMINALLY-MOTIVATED MURDERS 2
D. MURDERS OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN 8
E. PERSONS KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES 9
(THESE STATISTICS ARE FROM THE DAILY GLEANER, WHICH REPORTS ON INFORMATION FROM THE POLICE INFORMATION CENTER.)
4. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS. NATIONAL SECURITY MINISTER DUDLEY THOMPSON HAS BEEN HOSPITALIZED FOR A RECURRENT HEART CONDITION SINCE JULY 12. MINISTER OF PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TRANSPORT, CARLYLE DUNKLEY, HAS BEEN NAMED ACTING MINISTER UNTIL THOMPSON CAN RESUME HIS DUTIES.
5. THE PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS OF JAMAICA AND THE MAJOR MEDIA HEADS HAVE JOINED WITH THE JAMAICA CONSTABULARY FORCE (JCF) AND THE JAMAICA DEFENCE FORCE (JDF) IN AN EFFORT TO CRACK DOWN ON THE ESCALATING POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN JAMAICA.

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THE MEDIA WILL PROVIDE
FREE ADVERTISING TIME TO ALERT THE PUBLIC TO THE
OPERATION AND PROVIDE DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED OPERATION.
THE JOINT POLICE/MILITARY PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, DUBBED "OPERA-
TION CRIME STOP", WAS LAUNCHED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT
POLICE COMMISSIONER BILL BOWES' OFFICE ON AUGUST 15.
USING THE THEME "DON'T TELL YOU NAME, TELL WHAT YOU KNOW",
THE OPERATION "WILL ATTEMPT TO HARNESS INFORMATION WHICH
THE PUBLIC HAS" TO CRACK DOWN ON GUNMEN AND RECOVER
THEIR WEAPONS. A TOLL FREE NUMBER AND A POST OFFICE
BOX NUMBER WERE PROVIDED.
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7. ALTHOUGH JDC COMMANDER BRIGADIER NEISH CONCEDED THAT
THE SECURITY FORCES HAVE HAD SOME SUCCESS IN REDUCING THE
NUMBER OF VIOLENT CRIMES RECENTLY, "THE FACT OF THE
MATTER IS...THAT WE HAVE NOT PENETRATED TO THE PEOPLE
BEHIND THE VIOLENT CRIMES OR RECOVERED THE GUNS WHICH
ARE HELD AND CONTROLLED BY THE VICIOUS GUNMEN."

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8. THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAM IS THE INVOLVEMENT
OF ALL JAMAICANS IN THE EFFORT TO STOP THE POLITICAL
VIOLENCE. FULL PAGE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR OPERATION CRIME
STOP AND BLOODY PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE VICTIMS OF GUNMEN
UNDER THE CAPTION "SILENCE KILLED THEM. DON'T LET SILENCE
KILL YOU" HAVE ALREADY APPEARED IN THE PRESS. GOVERNOR
GENERAL GLASSPOLE ISSUED A STATEMENT ON THE 15TH
SUPPORTING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW OPERATION, CALLING
ON JAMAICANS TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST THE HANDFUL OF
CRIMINALS WHO WERE FRIGHTENING A POPULATION OF TWO
MILLION AND HOLDING THEM TO RANSOM.
9. COMMENT. FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS THE RATE OF
VIOLENCE IN JAMAICA HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN IN
JULY. WHEN WE INITIATED THIS SERIES OF TELEGRAMS, 30
JAMAICANS WERE MURDERED IN THE JULY 9-15 PERIOD. WE
EXPECT THE REDUCED VIOLENCE TO CONTINUE FOR SOME WEEKS
BUT TO INCREASE AGAIN AS THE EXPECTED MID-OCTOBER
ELECTIONS APPROACH.
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